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Examiner Nguyen

Art Unit 2871

Serial No. 09/815,999

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a proposed amendment for the above-noted application.

Best regards,
John Yankovich

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/815,999 for
LIQUID CRYSTAL ALIGNMENT
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Dear Examiner Nguyen:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me in a teleconference earlier today. Below, I am presenting a proposed amendment to claim 1, as you and I discussed. During the teleconference we agreed that this proposal distinguishes claim 1 over the art of record.

Please review this proposal and call me at: 203-327-4500 x119.

Very truly yours,
John Yankovich
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1. (~~Twice~~ Three times amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:
 - a first cell wall and a second cell wall enclosing a layer of liquid crystal material;
 - electrodes for applying an electric field across ~~at least some of the~~ said liquid crystal material; and
 - a surface alignment structure ~~on the~~ integrated onto an inner surface of ~~at least the~~ said first cell wall providing a desired alignment to molecules of ~~the~~ said liquid crystal material,
- wherein ~~the~~ said surface alignment structure comprises one of a random or pseudorandom two dimensional array of upstanding features ~~which that~~ are at least one of shaped and orientated to produce ~~the~~ said desired alignment.